

# Cottonwood Valley Charter School

## Governing Council Regular Meeting

### October 12, 2005      7:00 PM

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| I.    | Call meeting to order  | 2 mins.  | Richard S. |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance   | 5 mins.  | All        |
| III.  | Ascertain Quorum   | 1 mins.  | Jim S.     |
|       | <b>Richard Sonnenfeld, Jim Shepherd, John Benson, Tracey Hamilton, Mary Dwyer, Kate Burleigh</b>   |          |            |
| IV.   | Reading and Approval of Agenda   | 5 mins.  | Jim S.     |
|       | <b>Approved as amended-all ayes</b>  |          |            |
| V.    | Reading and Approval of August minutes   | 5 mins.  | Jill U.    |
|       | <b>Approved as amended-all ayes</b>  |          |            |
| VI.   | Public Forum   |          | Open       |
|       | <b>Susan Brennan told about attending the Earth Science event at Tech with Cecilia Jacka and Barbara Oates. It was very interesting and informative. Mary D. thanked Berta Gutierrez for holding a booth at the Socorro Fest and Karen B. and Kate B. for the parade entry.</b>  |          |            |
| VII.  | Student Council Representative report  | 10 mins. | Mariah D.  |
|       | <b>Mariah reported the success of the pizza sale--\$150 was raised for the hurricane relief fund. The next fundraiser will be a pizza sale on October 26. The student council asked if they could "free-dress" on field trips. GC said it was an administrative decision, and Mary N. said for some trips jeans may be appropriate. A decision will be made on a case-by-case situation. Mariah asked if carbonated non-soda drinks could be allowed for the pizza sales. Asked where the tetherball poles are and can they be put up? Mary N. told Mariah to keep reminding her to get them set up.</b>                   |          |            |
| VIII. | Teacher Representative report  | 10 mins. | Karen B.   |
|       | <b>Karen was absent.</b>   |          |            |
| IX.   | Department Reports   |          |            |
|       | a. Administrator report  | 20 mins. | Mary N.    |
|       | <b>See attached report. Mary N. talked about the issue of the district charging us to play sports. She has been advised no to pay the district and to write a letter to the Governor so the Governor can write a letter to the district stating the district cannot charge CVCS. John B. asked Mary what percentage of Candy's time is spent on gifted? Mary N. told him she will start spending time with gifted students in grades K-5 approximately one hour per week. Mary N. attended the NDI meeting today. Grades 4, 5, and 6 will go to the tech gym from 8:30-9:30 daily beginning on Monday for three weeks.</b> |          |            |
|       | b. Business Manager report   | 10 mins. | Mary C.    |
|       | <b>See attached documents. Revise proceeds from the Spanish club profits from Socorro Fest to \$141.00. Bonds will be sold in November contingent upon 6/30/04 audit. The audit has not been submitted and there is a two month approval process. Have to update fixed asset audit. Mary C. predicts nothing will happen until January 2006. No potential budget issues. The disposal fee for the hospital wing that was taken down in August came in at \$2,378.52 plus tax.</b>  |          |            |

**CVCS got a price break. Mary C. has one BAR for \$1,302 for Smith's Earn-n-Learn money, Donations to the Red Cross, and cartridge recycling money. Richard asked if there was any progress on the investment program he and Jim had proposed for the staff.**

- X. Correspondence and announcements Open  
**Richard began a discussion on the dress code letter received from Cissy McCord. Tracey said she has talked with Cissy asking her what result she wanted from the letter. Cissy said she has a problem with the "Dress for Success" program name. She would like it called a uniform or something along that line. The GC discussed the idea and decided to change the program to "dress code", not uniform or Dress for Success.**
- XI. Committee updates
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| 1. Facilities | 10 mins. | Mary D. |
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- Mary D. reported on last night's last public meeting with RTI/EDI. Two groups worked -- one group worked on ideas to use the old hospital and the other group worked on ideas for a new building. The Facility Committee will meet next Monday to decide if the old hospital is demolished or not.**
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| 2. Gifted Program | 10 mins. | John B. |
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- XII. Old Business
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| 1. Committee membership | 10 mins. | Richard S. |
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- The Facilities Committee can have up to 15 members--Mary D. has a list of members. It does not have to meet every month and the committee will be run by consensus. The Budget Committee will have a GC member as chair, can have a total of 7 people, and must meet monthly. See business manager's report for members. Accountability/Advisory Committee will have a GC member as chair. Kate asked if it would be written in the committee description that this committee makes sure the school is running in accordance with the charter. The committee should also be working with the charter to review it and identify areas that may need revision or updates. The committee should review the charter annually. Richard expressed concern that the committee stay on task and not become a rogue committee that could act at odds with the GC. Mary N. explained the goals and makeup of the EPSS committee. The committees were discussed further with no other conclusions reached.**
- XIII. New Business
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| 1. First State Bank's School Banking | 15 mins. | Delilah W. |
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- Tabled until next month.**
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| 2. Procedural Discussion of GC voting | 5 mins | Jim S. |
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- Richard proposed voting to be a show of hands in the future instead of "aye" or "nay" because this is a more accurate way of measuring who is voting and who is not.**
- XIV. Items for next months agenda
- XV. Scheduling next meeting: **November 9, 2005** Jim S.
- XVI. Executive session
- Roll call to go into executive session: Kate-aye, Jim-aye, Richard-aye, John-aye, Mary D-aye, Tracey-aye.**
- No action taken.**
- Executive session ended**
- XVII. Adjourn